



Ministry
of
Ontario Housing

Ontario Home Renewal Program for Disabled Persons

The availability of accessible accommodation is essential for the more than one million disabled adults and children in Ontario, many of whom have special housing needs.

The Ministry of Housing, through the Ontario Home Renewal Program for Disabled Persons, will assist with the costs in undertaking modifications that make homes more accessible inside and out.

The program offers homeowners with "adjusted" incomes under \$60,000 interest-free loans equal to the value of the work undertaken, up to \$15,000, to make housing modifications for disabled occupants.

Eligibility

Loans will be granted to disabled homeowners or homeowners who have disabled dependents or family members living with them. Homeowners may apply for assistance if their adjusted income is \$60,000 or less.

Assistance will be a forgivable interest-free loan equal to the value of the work performed, including any professional fees incurred (eg. for an architect, designer or occupational therapist), up to \$15,000.

Homeowners may apply for assistance under this program without having to apply or be eligible for the conventional Ontario Home Renewal Program.

Homes must be brought up to minimum property standards before the owner can apply for assistance. The conventional Ontario Home Renewal Program may be used to undertake the necessary repairs if the homeowner is eligible.

Eligible Modifications

Eligible modifications include:

- Any change that creates basic accessibility for a disabled occupant, including additions, providing the work does not create a self-contained unit.
- Mobility aids which are permanent, non-portable fixtures attached to the house, for example wheelchair ramps and stair glides.
- Modifications that are directly related to the disabled occupant's disability.

Note: Modifications undertaken **prior** to approval of the application will not be eligible.

Loan Details

- Loan advances will be issued as the work proceeds based on submitted invoices.
- The forgivable loan is written off at a rate of twenty (20) per cent per year as long as there is continued ownership and occupancy by the applicant.
- If the house is sold or leased before the term of the loan expires, applicants must pay the outstanding portion of the loan immediately.
- In the event of the applicant's death, the widow, widower or the original disabled occupant (or his/her guardian) may continue to earn loan forgiveness as long as he/she continues living in the dwelling unit.
- The loan will be secured by a promissory note.

For Further Information

Contact your municipality or your nearest Ministry of Housing Regional Programs Office.

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